

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, and the City of Virginia Beach seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the DRAFT Implementation Plan to begin to achieve the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) targets established for fecal coliform bacteria in Lynnhaven Bay, Broad Bay and Linkhorn Bay in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

The Final Bacteria TMDL report which establishes the loading limits for the Lynnhaven, Broad and Linkhorn Bays is available on DEQ's website at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov>. These waters are identified in Virginia's 1998 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standard for fecal coliform bacteria in shellfish waters.

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and '62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia, require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report. The Code of Virginia further requires DEQ to prepare implementation plans for the TMDL and take measures to implement those plans.

This second public meeting on the development of the Lynnhaven, Broad and Linkhorn Bay TMDL Implementation Plan will be held on Thursday, May 4, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. at the Princess Anne High School, 4000 Virginia Beach Boulevard, Virginia Beach, Virginia. This meeting specifically seeks public comments on the strategies and actions developed and enumerated in the draft Implementation Plan to achieve the water quality goals for the fecal bacteria for the greater Lynnhaven River Watershed in Virginia Beach.

The public comment period will begin on Friday, May 5, 2006, and end on June 4, 2006.

Copies of the report are available at the DEQ website, <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl/>, the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission Website

http://www.hrpdc.org/RFP_RFQs/Public%20Notices1.shtml, and the City of Virginia

Beach website http://www.vbgov.com/city_hall/hot_topics/. Questions or information

requests should be addressed either Chester Bigelow at DEQ, or to John Carlock at the

HRPDC, or Steve McLaughlin at the City of Virginia Beach and should include the

name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments. Requests

should be sent to Chester Bigelow, Department of Environmental Quality, 629 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, 23240, telephone (804) 698-4554, Fax (804) 698-4116, or e-

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